GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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MINERAL RESERVES IN JHARKHAND
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has conducted any survey to explore new mineral resources in Jharkhand during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) the details of the places where minerals have been found and the details of these minerals alongwith the estimated quantum thereof ;

(d) the time by which the Government propose to exploit these minerals;

(e) whether the Government propose to invite private participation in this work; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir. During the last three years the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has carried out number of mineral investigations for base metals, gold, nickel, rare metals, coal and resource survey for dimension stones in different parts of Jharkhand.

(b) & (c) During the years 1998-2001, exploration for the following minerals was carried out as per details given below :-

Base-metal in Bhatin-Rajdah area, Chhota Jamjora area and around Mouda,
Gold at Morchagora-Jaikan and Kundadaukkam area, Singubhum group metasediments and Dalma Volcanics,
Nickel at Sasdih and Rerhakochatala East Singhbhum belt,
Rare-metals a programme for search of REE and RM mineralisation in parts of North Purulia Shear Zone, Ranchi District,
Dimension Stones - Dumka, Deoghar, Koderma, Hazaribagh, Giridih, Lohardaga, Gumla, Ranchi, East Singhbhum and West Singhbhum districts and
Coal - in Bokaro, Hazaribagh and Dumka districts of Jharkhand.

(d),(e)&(f) Since investigations are in a preliminary stage, extraction of these minerals/ resources will depend on their economic viability. Further, any Indian National or a Company as defined in sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 is free to exploit the mineral reserves after getting mining lease in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and Rules framed thereunder.